



**LOUISIANA
BOARD OF PARDONS**

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BOARD POLICY

SUBJECT: DISCRETIONARY POWERS OF THE BOARD

PURPOSE: To describe the discretionary powers of the Board of Pardons

AUTHORITY: LAC Title 22, Part 5, Chapter 1; La. R.S. 15:572

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Board of Pardons to exercise its duties and functions established by the Louisiana Constitution and state law in a manner that seeks render to fair and just determination on every application for clemency.

PROCEDURES:

- A. The Board of Pardons, at its discretion, may deny any applicant a hearing for any of the reasons listed below; however nothing shall prevent the Board from hearing any case.
1. serious nature of the offense;
 2. insufficient time served on sentence;
 3. insufficient time after release;
 4. proximity of parole/good time date;
 5. institutional disciplinary reports;
 6. probation/parole—unsatisfactory/violated;
 7. past criminal record; or
 8. any other factor determined by the board.
- B. In any matters not specifically covered by LAC 22:, Part V, .Chapter 1, the Board shall have discretionary powers to act.
- C. No person shall have a right of appeal from a decision of the Board of Pardons or the Governor regarding clemency.

SHERYL M. RANATZA, CHAIRMAN

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